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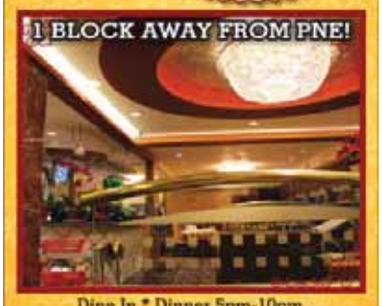
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Does another NBA team await?

Study. Basketball's return to city part of projected sports explosion in Canada

Canada appears ripe for major-league sports expansion over the next two decades, says a new report from the Conference Board of Canada.

Economic and demographic trends suggest the country could support three new NHL teams, the return of Major League Baseball to Montreal and the NBA to Vancouver, and as many as three new Major League Soccer teams.

The study, released Thursday, also suggests that by the year 2035, another seven cities could support CFL franchises.

"The professional sports scene in Canada will continue to expand over the next 25 years," write Glen Hodgson and Mario Lefebvre.

"The conditions for growth are right — the Canadian dollar will likely remain strong and the taxation gap with the U.S. is expected to continue to narrow. This will allow existing franchises to prosper and offer a better chance for new franchises to succeed."

Vancouver, which saw its NBA Grizzlies relocate to Memphis, Tenn., in 2001, could support another pro basketball team one day, says the report.

"With a population of 3.5 million in 2035, the Vancouver market will be large enough to sustain franchises in the NHL, CFL, Major League Soccer and the NBA — but not (Major League Baseball)," states the study.

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NIBBLES GO NICHE

EXP owner Brian Vidovic opens Vancouver's first video-game-themed restaurant this weekend. A slew of new restaurants are using bold concepts to break away from the pack. Story, page 6. KATE WEBB/METRO

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Protection from the virus

Health workers must get shots or wear masks during flu season

B.C. health-care workers will be required to get a flu shot or wear a mask during the flu season to better protect patients and seniors from the virus.

Provincial health officer Dr. Perry Kendall said Thursday that the new policy will apply to all health-care workers who come in contact with patients at publicly funded facilities, including long-term-care homes. He said influenza immunization rates for B.C.'s health-care workers remain below 50 per cent, despite free flu shots made available to them around Thanksgiving and efforts made by health-care authorities to encourage staff to get the shots.

"Some people believe they're healthy and they don't get influenza," he said. "Some people believe the influenza vaccine will give them influenza. That's a myth, that's absolutely untrue."

Kendall said the mask option is being offered for those who are medically unable to get the vaccines and to avoid labour relations issues.

Health-care workers have an "ethical responsibility" to protect vulnerable patients, including seniors, those with weak immune systems and chronic health conditions, he said.

"Many organizations and jurisdictions in the United States have already implemented similar policies," he said. "As a result, they have reached health-care-worker immunization rates that exceed 95 per cent.

"I'm proud that (B.C.) is leading the country with this important patient-safety initiative," Kendall said.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Wet 'n wild. Metro slips back into Live at Squamish

Festival-goers cool off at last year's Live at Squamish. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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Arrest. Teen killed days before going back to school

A Calgary man has been charged in the death of a B.C. university student.

The body of 18-year-old Joshua Hogarth was found Tuesday morning near a townhouse complex in a Calgary neighbourhood. A knife was discovered nearby.

Byron Blanchard, who friends say was known to Hogarth, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Hogarth's mother, Debbie Hogarth, said he came home just after midnight on Tuesday and was yelling on the phone.

"I got out of bed and I said, 'What is going on?'" she said.

She added her son left soon after to meet with the person on the other end of the line.

Hogarth was days away from returning to university in B.C.

His Facebook profile indicates he went to Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, and graduated from a secondary school in Campbell River.

A memorial page created in Hogarth's honour has attracted hundreds of comments from friends in B.C. and Alberta, where he lived.

Those posting on the page remembered him as a kind person who loved to give hugs and play video games and who had big dreams.

ELIZABETH HAMES/FOR METRO

Metallica: Heroes of the day

Fundraiser. Five bucks gets you onto the band's Metalli-3D movie set, with the money going to help the food bank

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Metallica will plays Rogers Arena on Monday night to film their 3D movie while raising funds for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. THEO WARGO/GETTY IMAGES

Heavy metal legends Metallica are selling $5 tickets to the Monday-night filming of their Metalli-3D movie and giving all the proceeds to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank in a time of dire need.

Tickets for the Rogers Arena filming go on pre-sale at 9 a.m. Friday.

Greater Vancouver Food Bank (GVFB) CEO Aart Schuurman Hess said Metallica's generosity couldn't come at a better time. The food bank has had to spend $80,000 on fresh produce from local farms in the last five weeks.

"We had to put in the orders because our shelves are running really, really, really low, and that's why we're asking for help," he said, noting summer is always a difficult time for donations. "Food poverty is around 365 days a year."

He said this year the situation is worse than usual because the number of people using the food bank's stocks through 15 depots and 100 partner agencies has risen by about 10 per cent to 27,000.

He said donations of non-perishable items such as rice, pasta, and canned meats are greatly needed, and emphasized that every dollar donated has a buying power of $3 thanks to the food bank's partnerships with local farmers and producers.

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Tech talk. Developing the female talent pool

A new movement to teach women how to code is highlighting a noticeable gender gap in Vancouver's tech industry.

Ladies Learning Code (LLC), a non-profit that teaches women basic coding skills, is hosting its first workshops outside of Toronto at the Launch Academy this weekend.

The two sold-out LLC workshops will introduce 90 women and men to HTML and CSS, two of the world's most popular computer languages.

Angelina Fabbro, a software engineer, said she volunteered to mentor students of this weekend's workshops for personal reasons.

"I didn't grow up with a lot of, I guess, support when it came to my interests in computing and science," she said.

And as she got older, discouragement came in other forms, such as subtle sexism in the workplace.

But she pushed on and soon realized that anyone can be a developer.

"I wanted to be the person that is there at these events (LLC workshops) to pass that message along to people," she said.

Peter Walton is associate director in continuing studies at Simon Fraser University, which helped fund the workshops.

Heather Payne, founder of Ladies Learning Code, is in Vancouver this week hosting two HTML/CSS workshops. ELIZABETH HAMES/FOR METRO

He said he sees parallels between the tech industry today and the fields of medicine and law 20 years ago.

"It's changing, but it's one of the last, sort of, bastions that's predominately male," he said.

It's hard to tell whether LLC is helping even out the gender balance in the industry. It held its first workshop only a year ago this August.

But founder Heather Payne said LLC has taught more than a thousand ladies (and men) to code, and she's even heard from some women who quit jobs to pursue tech.

ELIZABETH HAMES/FOR METRO

Sully and Force. Green Men finalists in ESPN's Hall of Fans

The Green Men are up for sports fandom greatness.

Vancouver's dynamic duo of distraction has been named one of 10 finalists for ESPN's inaugural Hall of Fans.

The three superfans with the most votes by Aug. 31 will be enshrined at ESPN's headquarters in Bristol, Conn., next month.

"There's a lot of thought that goes into what we do," Sully told Metro Thursday. "Everybody else just puts on a hat or a jersey to a game. I think we're kind of a different species altogether."

The Green Men are the only Canadians and the only hockey fans among the finalists.

Wearing the skin-tight body suits was just supposed to be a one-night prank, but Sully said he and his other half, Force, are humbled to know that they've started a trend across North America's sports scene.

NHL players have dressed up in green spandex for Halloween. Countless imitations have popped up in other leagues, and the pair has found themselves on highlight reels and documentaries.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Punk rocker wants to make sweet music in legislature

Running for office. Joe Keithley is hoping he is successful in third attempt at politics

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D.O.A. frontman Joe Keithley is ready to rock the political world.

The 56-year-old punk rocker from Burnaby said he can bring a "lot of energy and a fresh perspective" to the legislature, if ever he gets nominated for Coquitlam-Burke Mountain.

His NDP nomination papers were approved last week. If nominated, he'll face off against incumbent Liberal MLA Doug Horne.

"I've always been a campaigner for social justice, people's rights, fairness and honesty for the last 35 years through my songs, words and actions. So going from this wild rock band into politics is just a natural progression," Keithley said Thursday.

"I want to work on affordable housing, a proper and deserving lifestyle for seniors and the environment," he said, adding he chose to run in Coquitlam after all the Burnaby ridings had been filled. He also lived in the city when he was younger.

Keithley, who ran for the Green Party in 1996 and 2001, said he's giving politics another shot "to help the little guy" and believes the B.C. Liberals have a done a "poor job" of running the province.

Premier Christy Clark's "direction for the province has been directionless," he said. "It's pretty obvious that the B.C. Liberals have really lost their way and they're incapable of doing any good for British Columbia."

There will be a "Come to meet Joe" launch next month where members of the party in the riding can get a chance to meet Keithley.

"I think I can convince them that I'm the right person to be their MLA," he said.

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Joe Keithley, MLA candidate for Coquitlam-Burke Mountain

D.O.A. frontman Joe Keithley is seeking an NPD nomination for Coquitlam-Burke Mountain. CONTRIBUTED

Turning political

Celebrities who delved into politics:

- **Sonny Bono.** The singer, songwriter and half of '60s singing duo Sonny and Cher served as mayor of Palm Springs, Calif., from 1988 to 1992 before being elected to Congress in 1994.
- **Manny Pacquiao.** In May 2010, the Filipino boxing superstar, actor, TV host and singer was elected as congressman of Sarangani province, the hometown of his wife Jinkee. He will run for governor in 2013.
- **Martha Reeves.** The lead singer of the Motown girl group Martha and the Vandellas, known for their hit singles Dancing In The Street and Nowhere to Run, served on the Detroit city council from 2005 to 2009. Reeves returned to full-time performing the next year.
- **Wyclef Jean.** The Grammy-winning hip-hop star announced his plans to run for president in his hometown of Haiti in August 2010, but an electoral council ruled him ineligible as he failed to meet the residency requirement of five years.

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TANTALIZING CONCEPTS ...

From video games to blind dining, concept restaurants are popping up all over Vancouver

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Vancouver's taste for niche nosh seems to be taking off, with tons of new concept restaurants popping up with a healthy disdain for the mundane.

This weekend, after months of wrangling with the B.C. Liquor Control and Licensing Branch over his creative vision, former game designer Brian Vidovic will open Vancouver's first video-game-themed restaurant — sans the video-game consoles he had hoped to have at the tables.

Although Vidovic plans to keep lobbying the province for the right to offer gaming at EXP Restaurant + Bar, so-called "geeks" have a new place where they can feel at home, with eight screens flashing video-game footage, live professional e-gaming events, and themed music.

"People want different experiences," Vidovic said Thursday. "I think it's just an evolution of the fact here in Vancouver that people are really exploding now with (the desire to try new things).... We don't really have any competition for this particular concept, because no one else is doing a gamer-themed thing."

EXP at 309 West Pender powers up at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Over in Kitsilano, the ultimate setting for a blind date, Dark Table, flicks the dimmer switch Sept. 20 at 2611 West 4th Avenue. Restaurateur Moe Alameddine's expansion on his similar eateries in Toronto and Montreal will offer Mediterranean fusion cuisine served in almost total darkness.

All the servers are legally blind, and the idea is to give guests the opportunity to experience what they experience. A portion of the restaurant's profits go to charities that help the blind.

"People are going to be dining — not eating with their eyes, just using their other senses," Alameddine said via phone from Lebanon. "It will heighten their smells, their taste, all the other senses, and it's creating jobs for visually impaired people."

Meanwhile, on the fine-dining front, many other entrepreneurs are relying on specialty menu items and processes to bring in the crowds.

Absinthe Bistro at 1260 Commercial Drive just opened last week, and has a special fairy fountain for melting sugar into authentic absinthe that guests love to use after enjoying fine French fare.

Wildebeest, which just opened its doors at 120 W. Hastings Street, specializes in whole-animal cookery. The head chef carefully chooses the diets of every animal on the menu, which includes pork jowl and house-made cotechino sausage.

It's a far cry from EXP's mac-and-cheese burger and pop-rock-rimmed martinis — but to each niche its own nosh.

Photo at left: EXP's menu includes the beyond mac-and-cheese burger, the master chief burger, and the Thundaga martini rimmed with pop rocks. (Kate Webb/Metro)

Photo at right: Absinthe Bistro on Commercial Drive is a new curiosity with its authentic French absinthe and fairy fountain. (Cory Pearson/ Contributed)

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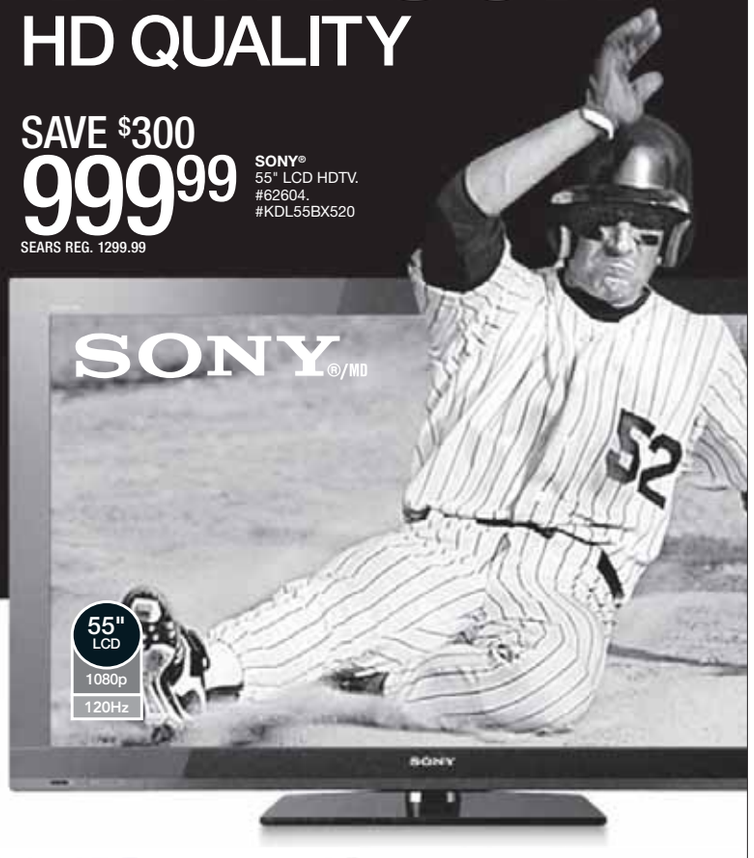

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Amateur artist in Spain ruins fresco of Christ

Borja, Spain. Priest asked the elderly parishioner to touch up the painting

The 20th-century Ecce Homo-style fresco of Christ before, left, and after an amateur artist tried to restore it. A priest had asked her to touch it up.
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The distraught 81-year-old woman who turned a damaged fresco on a church wall in Spain into an international joke says she'd been asked to fix the painting by the local priest.

"Everybody who came into the church could see we were painting," an aghast Cecilia Gimenez told the Spanish TV station RTVE.

"We've always repaired everything here," she said.

"Of course, it was the priest" who asked her to touch up the portrait of Jesus Christ that hung in the Santuario de Misericordia in the small town of Borja near Zaragoza in northeastern Spain.

The painting, widely misrepresented as a "valuable 19-century fresco," is actually the 20th-century work of a local man, Elias Garcia Martinez, with mostly sentimental value. Locals say professional restorers have been called in to look at repairing the damage. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Chilean students demand education reform

Students throw stones at riot police on Thursday during a protest for education reform in downtown Santiago. They are demanding quality public schools and protesting the high cost of private universities and high-interest bank loans. VICTOR RUIZ CABALLERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Profs march for pay hike

Thousands of Sri Lanka's university teachers and trade-union members marched in Colombo, the capital, to demand a 20 per cent pay hike and an increase in funding for education, amid a two-month strike at university campuses.

The teachers' strike has crippled state-run universities since June, and on Tuesday, the government indefinitely closed 13 of the 16 campuses.

In addition to the pay hike, teachers are demanding greater academic freedom and that six per cent of the country's GDP be allocated for education.

The government has agreed to some of the demands, but says it cannot give the pay hike because it would be too high as compared with salaries in other industries.

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The new fraud: 'E-mules' play catch me if you can, and make crime pay

Crime. Forget Leonardo DiCaprio's cheque forger in the Hollywood movie. Today's fraudsters are cunning entrepreneurs who are enlisting everyday citizens to launder money

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Are they e-mules, too? Leonardo DiCaprio, shown with stewardesses in the film Catch Me If You Can, played a con artist who cashed $2.5 million in fraudulent cheques in the 1960s. The film was based on a true story, but modern-day fraud offers far more opportunities for crooks. COURTESY OF DREAMWORKS

"In money laundering there's a rule," Ken Rijock says: "You're only limited by your imagination."

Rijock, a Miami lawyer, knows what he's talking about: He laundered $200 million in Colombian drug money and served a prison sentence for it, too.

Now Rijock wants to warn others about the money laundering going on right under their noses. "The money launderers work very hard," he says, "and now they don't even have to get on a plane to go to a tax haven. Now we have the Internet, which is making their job easy."

And the Internet has given rise to a new kind of mule: The e-mule. "E-mules are an emerging trend," says Mauro Falesiedi, senior specialist on economic crimes at Europol, the European police agency. "We've had money mules crossing the border with cash for a long time, but now we also have e-mules, who are recruited to help transfer fraudulently obtained money."

Unlike the old-fashioned mule, e-mules don't have to carry anything: They just lend criminals their name. "As an e-mule, you're a law-abiding citizen who lets criminals borrow your bank account to transfer money," Falesiedi says. "Obviously you get paid — often 10 per cent of the amount. The e-mules are often students or persons with no criminal background."

Organized crime groups from Russia and the Ukraine are among those setting up money-laundering schemes with the assistance of e-mules. According to the Financial Action Task Force, an intergovernmental organization, criminals are also using e-mules in casinos and in currency-exchange bureaus. But old-fashioned cash smuggling continues, too, as does money laundering through real-estate and shell companies.

In theory, banks can easily spot an e-mule. "If you're a student and usually have $400 in your bank account, and all of a sudden you get $10,000 from a Nigerian account, that should normally raise a red flag and generate a financial disclosure to the competent domestic authorities," Falesiedi says.

But the reality is different. "It's next to impossible to catch money launderers," says Rijock, who now helps police catch them. "The only way is if the police catch one criminal and he leads them to others." Many banks do the bare minimum, he says. "They don't train their staff to catch money launderers. The banks don't want to be the policemen of the world."

Daunting enterprise

"It's next to impossible to catch money launderers."

Ken Rijock, money launderer turned Miami lawyer

Are you financing terrorists unknowingly?

Like criminals, terrorists also launder money. As early as 1998, U.S. officials acknowledged that al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's finances were shrouded behind so many front companies that it could take years to decipher them.

A recent report by the intergovernmental Financial Action Task Force says terrorist groups traffic everything from drugs, cigarettes and diamonds to human beings. Some employ legitimate organizations as fronts. The groups carry out humanitarian work but also channel donations to terrorists.

As a result, donors wishing to help the victims of a natural disaster, for example, may unwittingly be funnelling money to terrorist groups.

Osama bin Laden covered his money-laundering tracks behind front companies. GETTY IMAGES

Terrorists, too, have discovered Internet payment systems. They process huge amounts of money and, because the transfers are happening on the Internet, no country has the authority to make arrests.

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Murder scandal

How not to launder money

The Chinese court case against businesswoman Gu Kailai, who confessed to poisoning British businessman Neil Heywood, serves as a sobering reminder of the consequences of money laundering in some parts of the world.

Chinese prosecutors said Heywood threatened to expose Gu's illegal financial dealings. Gu and her husband, politician Bo Xilai, were accused of siphoning money from government coffers out of the country, partly to pay for the luxury life of Gu and Bo's son. One scheme thought up by the pair, prosecutors said, was a trading company that would export British hot-air balloons to China. Gu's company could then overpay the British company by $236,000. Gu supposedly instructed Heywood to use this money to pay for her son's private-school fees in England.

Neil Haywood
PUBLIC DOMAIN

Gu was recently jailed but was spared the death penalty.

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Q & A

Fine art and virtual gaming

E-mules are a new money-laundering trend. What other new techniques do money launderers use?

They like to divert non-monetary items into monetary items and back again. One method they're using a lot right now is to buy artworks then sell them back to themselves again and again. They also use things like virtual gaming, where you can turn virtual money into real money. There's no question that people unknowingly help them. In the world of money laundering there's always duplicity involving unwitting participants.

Why is it so hard to catch money launderers?

Money laundering is a secondary crime. It's always connected to prostitution, the drug trade or arms trade. When people are caught for those primary crimes they're often simply put behind bars. And money laundering is one of the most entrepreneurial crimes. Money leads to money. Money launderers can become legitimate businessmen using their illegal proceeds as seed money.

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Former undercover FBI agent, who posed as a money launderer

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Paralympic athletes accused of sexual assault

London 2012. Three members of Jordanian squad will return to Northern Ireland for a hearing on Oct. 18

Jordan pulled three squad members accused of sexual assault in Northern Ireland out of the 2012 London Paralympics on Thursday, sports officials in Amman said.

The Jordanian Paralympic Committee said the three men — two Paralympic power-lifters and a trainer — will be flown home later on Thursday but they will be returned to court in Northern Ireland on Oct. 18 for their hearing.

The three were arrested on Monday northwest of Belfast where Jordan's squad is one of several national teams training before the Paralympics, which begin Aug. 29. The men were released Wednesday on bail.

The committee said in a written statement to The Associated Press that it decided to pull the three out of the games because it "would be inappropriate for the accused athletes to compete" in the international tournament.

"We have zero tolerance on any misconduct and will continue to work closely with the Northern Ireland authorities to assist in their investigation," the statement said. The wording reflected the embarrassment of the government, which is seeking to place Jordan on the world's sports map.

"However, our focus is now preparing the remaining members of the team for competition and we look forward to taking part in what promises to be a truly magnificent sporting event," it added.

Omar Sami Qaradhi is facing three charges of sexual assault, two of which are against a child. He also is charged with one count of voyeurism after allegedly entering a women's changing room at the local sports centre.

The two other men were identified as Motaz Al Junaidi, 45, and trainer Faisal Hammash, 35, who also appeared at Coleraine Magistrates' Court on Wednesday.

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Accusations

- Police said a 14-year-old girl claimed that she posed for photographs with Omar Sami Qaradhi, 31, before he groped her between the legs in the town centre of Antrim on Aug. 18.
- That same day, a 16-year-old girl said she and a friend were walking near the sports centre when the men blocked their path. Police allege one of the men pushed the girl toward Qaradhi, who wrapped his arm around her waist and tightened his grip before she ran away.

Syria

Regime fights rebels for control of Damascus

Syrian troops backed by tanks and helicopters broke into a Damascus suburb on Thursday after two days of shelling and intense clashes as part of a widening offensive by President Bashar Assad's forces to seize control of parts of the capital and surrounding areas from rebel fighters, activists said.

At least 15 people were killed in the offensive on Daraya, only a few kilometres southwest of Damascus.

Across the country, at least 100 people died in shelling and clashes, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Local Coordination Committees.

The bloodshed coincided with the departure from the Syrian capital of the last of the UN military observers after their mission failed.

Activist groups report the deaths of between 100 and 250 people on a daily basis, but it is virtually impossible to verify these figures.

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Refuge from the chaos

A Syrian girl, who fled her home with her family due to fighting between the Syrian army and the rebels, sleeps by her family's belongings on Thursday, while she and others take refuge at the Bab Al-Salameh border crossing, in the hope of entering one of the refugee camps in Turkey.

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Worst drought in a generation deepens across Midwest: Report

Hollow harvest.
Farmers tally losses as states reliant on agriculture receive extreme or exceptional drought classifications

On the day a new report suggested the United States' worst dry spell in at least a generation is deepening in America's breadbasket, Nebraska farmer Doug Nelson said Thursday he expects to harvest anywhere from nothing to 43 bushels per acre on his unirrigated acreage — a far cry from the 120 to 140 bushels he would typically get.

On the irrigated land, he could see 150 to 200 bushels an acre. In previous years, Nelson would see a minimum of 180 bushels.

"But we'll have the combines going here in probably another month, and then we'll know for sure," said Nelson, 61, who farms about 5,000 acres near Wayne.

38 years

"For the most part, we haven't seen a hit like this since 1974, as far as my career goes."
Nebraska farmer Doug Nelson

The U.S. Drought Monitor's weekly map showed that, as of Tuesday, just over two-thirds of Iowa, the biggest corn producer in the U.S., was in extreme or exceptional drought — the worst two classifications. That's up by more than 5 percentage points, to 67.5 per cent, from the previous week.

Nearly all of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois are in extreme or exceptional drought, with Illinois showing the most dramatic climb, spiking 17 percentage points in one week to 96.72 per cent, according to the map.

On Wednesday, the USDA added 33 counties from eight drought-stricken states to its list of natural-disaster areas, bringing that tally to 1,821 counties in 35 states over the past six weeks. That's more than half of all U.S. counties.

In the lower 48 states, there was a subtle rise in the overall area experiencing at least some drought, from 61.77 per cent last week to 63.2 per cent. There was little change in the overall area seeing exceptional or extreme drought, which went from 6.26 per cent last week to 6.31 per cent this week.

Plains farmers have begun harvesting what corn managed to survive, although many growers cut their fields weeks ago, chalking the year up as a loss.

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Drought-condition water levels have taken their toll on the wildlife at Anderson Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area near Astoria, Ill. According to the latest drought report, released Thursday, nearly all of Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri are in extreme or exceptional drought. SETH PERLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dominican Republic, Haiti brace for tropical storm

Tropical Storm Isaac took aim at the Dominican Republic and Haiti on Thursday and it was expected to gain strength after drenching tiny islands in its whirl over the eastern entrance to the Caribbean.

There was a chance it could dump rain on next week's Republican convention in Florida.

No major damage was reported, but authorities in Puerto Rico said an elderly woman died in an accident while preparing for the storm.

U.S. forecasters said Isaac was likely to approach Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, as a hurricane late Thursday or early Friday after intensifying over the warm waters of the Caribbean. It was predicted to move on to Cuba as a tropical storm, then Monday perhaps head to Florida, where the Republicans will be gathering to nominate Mitt Romney for the presidency.

In the eastern Caribbean, many seafront bars and restaurants remained open on Wednesday night as lightning and thunder crackled and choppy surf slapped against piers and seawalls.

The storm was 360 kilometres south-southeast of Puerto Rico early on Thursday, with maximum sustained winds near 65 km/h. Isaac was moving west near 21 km/h, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

At the bar of the Fort Young Hotel in Dominica's coastal capital of Roseau, a few tourists and locals drank cold beer and chatted over the sound of white-crested waves outside.

"The skies were very black and cloudy most of the day, but it's been pretty quiet so far. Some rain, very little wind," bartender Raymond Reynolds said Wednesday at the 71-room hotel on the jagged, densely forested island. "We've been through this before."

In the meantime, another tropical depression was moving across the Atlantic. The depression had maximum sustained winds near 55 km/h early Thursday and was expected to become a tropical storm later Thursday or on Friday.

The depression was centred about 1,790 kilometres west of the Cape Verde Islands and moving west-northwest near 26 km/h.

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U.S. jurisdiction

As the storm approached, military authorities at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, cancelled several days of pretrial hearings in the case of five prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

- They also planned to evacuate about 200 people, including legal teams and relatives of Sept. 11 victims.
- The U.S. Coast Guard closed all ports in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to incoming commercial ships.

South Africa

Hippo stuck in swimming pool

A hefty hippo chased away from his herd at a South African game reserve has found a refreshing place to relax: the lodge's swimming pool. Now it's stuck there.

The young hippopotamus plopped into the pool on Tuesday at the Monate Conservation Lodge north of Johannesburg. The pool is big enough for the hippo to swim but it's eight feet deep with no steps and "there's no way he can come out," lodge manager Ruby Ferreira said Thursday. A game capture team will sedate the hippo and lift it out of the pool with a crane, said South Africa's National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Beatle

John Lennon's killer denied parole

John Lennon's killer was denied release from prison in his seventh appearance before a parole board, New York corrections officials said Thursday.

Mark David Chapman, 57, was denied parole by a three-member board after a hearing Wednesday, the state Department of Corrections said. "Despite your positive efforts while incarcerated, your release ... (would) trivialize the tragic loss of life which you caused as a result of this heinous, unprovoked, violent, cold and calculated crime," board member Sally Thompson wrote. Chapman shot the former Beatle in December 1980.

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Guilty verdicts

Jamaican woman convicted of sham marriage to soldier

A federal jury convicted a Jamaican woman Thursday of entering into a "sham marriage" with a Kansas soldier so she could get legal immigration status.

Shannakay Hunter, 28, fought back tears after the jury returned guilty verdicts for conspiracy to commit marriage fraud, marriage fraud and lying to the government.

The government contends her 2010 marriage to Joshua Priest, 23, then a private at Fort Riley, was a fake arrangement to give her a green card and him $1,500 in extra monthly benefits for married soldiers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New project launched to find ill-fated ships

Nunavut. Inuit oral tradition has been key for previous searches seeking the lost Franklin expedition

Details

- The federal government is contributing $275,000 to the new expedition, with additional costs being picked up by private partners.
- It's expected to last between four and six weeks.

The search for the lost ships of the ill-fated Franklin expedition continues.

A new research project was announced Thursday by the prime minister in Nunavut, where the ships are believed to have sunk.

"Why do we search for the Franklin? The wreckage of the Franklin expedition is a national historic site designated some time ago — it is the only undiscovered national historic site, we feel an obligation to discover it," Stephen Harper said.

Sir John Franklin set out from England in 1845 to find the Northwest Passage with two ships, the HMS Erebus and HMS Terror.

But they ended up trapped in ice, and Franklin, along with other crew members, died in 1847. The next year, the surviving crew set out on foot but were never seen alive again.

All this is known thanks to a message left in a cairn on King William Island, and while the message suggested where the two ships might have been when they were abandoned, previous attempts to find the wrecks have been unsuccessful.

In 2010, a search team did find the remains of the HMS Investigator, sent in 1850 to find Franklin.

The unknown final resting place of the ships was declared a national historic site in 1992, though the ships will remain the property of the United Kingdom.

The search areas will include both the O'Reilly Island area, west of the Adelaide Peninsula and further north to Victoria Strait and Alexandra Strait.

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Order of Canada. Black capable of defending his membership in writing, federal lawyers say

Conrad Black has a way with words, government lawyers say, and the Order of Canada advisory council is well aware of that — he gave them a copy of his latest book.

Federal lawyers are set to argue in court Friday that Black should have no trouble making written arguments to the council deciding the status of his Order of Canada membership, documents show.

Black, 67, is asking Federal Court to force the advisory council to allow him an oral hearing as it decides whether to recommend the Governor General revoke Black's prestigious membership, bestowed upon him in 1990.

His lawyers are arguing that his case is too complex to be handled in writing — the only medium Order of Canada rules allow. The former media magnate went to Federal Court after his request to make arguments in person was denied.

But documents filed in advance of Friday's hearing show federal lawyers are relying on Black's own prowess with prose to argue that he doesn't need oral arguments to make his voice heard.

The council can recommend members of the order be stripped of their status, but the final decision rests with the Governor General.

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Conrad Black at the Empire Club in Toronto in June. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Infestation

Alberta town escalates battle against rats

Officials in Medicine Hat, Alta., think it could take two years to clear the city of rats.

The municipality has announced it's stepping up its war on the rodents with a new strategy called "Operation Haystack."

Ed Jollymore, the city's waste manager, says baited hay bales will be scattered around Medicine Hat to attract and kill the vermin with a poison that won't harm people or pets.

Prior to the infestation, Alberta had been largely rat-free for 50 years.

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Disease

Resurgence seen in syphilis cases

Cases of syphilis across Canada have risen dramatically over the last two decades, spiking to more than 1,750 cases in 2010 from 177 in 1993, the most recent statistics show.

"People age 30 and older accounted for 73 per cent of all the reported cases in 2010," said Dr. Howard Njoo of the Public Health Agency of Canada. "The other interesting thing is the vast majority of cases are among men."

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Arctic

Officials fretted over war game

The administrative wing of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office worried about the optics of hundreds of Canadian troops taking part in a major NATO-sponsored Arctic war game in northern Norway earlier this year.

Conservatives have made rebuilding the military, more international involvement and a more muscular presence in the North key policy touchstones.

But senior federal officials told the army last fall they weren't sure the country should participate in Exercise Cold Response.

It took the intervention of the assistant deputy minister of policy at National Defence to smooth the way for the army's participation, reassuring senior government officials that were "no policy obstacles" that contradicted Government of Canada procedures.

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Colorado shooting. Suspect was banned from university, prosecutors tell court

Prosecutors say the suspect in the Colorado theatre shooting made threats and was banned from the University of Colorado after failing a key exam six weeks before the rampage.

They made the accusations about James Holmes in court Thursday as they tried to convince a judge to let them see records from the university, where Holmes had been a graduate student.

They also claim professors had urged Holmes to get into another line of work before the shooting. Attorney Karen Pearson didn't disclose where their information came from, and prosecutors did not give further details on the nature of the threats.

Defence lawyer Daniel King objected to the release of the records, calling the prosecution's request a "fishing expedition."

Holmes, a former neuroscience doctoral candidate at the university, is accused of killing 12 people and wounding 58 others in the July 20 shooting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Education records sought

- Prosecutors are seeking non-medical education records turned over last week to an Arapahoe County district judge.
- They have said they need the documents to gain access to a notebook reportedly containing violent descriptions of an attack.

Wisconsin

First lady meets families of temple shooting victims

First lady Michelle Obama met Thursday with families of those killed and wounded earlier this month when a white supremacist opened fire at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin. Temple official Kulwant Singh Dhaliwal said Obama offered her sympathies for the Aug. 5 tragedy. He said her appearance is a "wonderful gesture." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judgment day: Breivik's mental state will be focus of court ruling

Confessed Norwegian killer Anders Behring Breivik gestures as he arrives at court in Oslo in this April file photo.

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Norway massacre. On Friday, the confessed mass killer will learn his fate — but if he's declared insane, he'll appeal 'on the spot'

Anders Behring Breivik's defence lawyers say the confessed mass killer won't appeal if he's sentenced to prison but he will challenge any ruling that declares him insane.

Breivik's mental state will be the focus when the Oslo district court presents its judgment against Breivik on Friday for the bomb and gun attacks that killed 77 people and injured more than 200 in July last year. After deliberating for two months, a five-judge panel will decide whether to send the right-wing extremist to prison or a mental hospital.

After speaking to Breivik on Thursday, defence lawyer Geir Lippestad said his client would only appeal if committed to psychiatric care. "He is very clear that if he is deemed insane, he will appeal, and appeal on the spot," Lippestad said. An appeals trial would likely be held early next year.

Breivik, who claims he is a "militant nationalist," said during the trial that being sent to an insane asylum would be the worst thing that could happen to him and accused Norwegian authorities of trying to cast him as sick to deflate his political views. His lawyers say Breivik is already at work writing sequels to the 1,500-page manifesto he released on the Internet before the attacks.

Regardless of the sentence, Breivik will be taken back to Oslo's Ila Prison, where he has been held in isolation for most of the time since his arrest.

The prison has built a psychiatric ward just for Breivik in case he's declared insane. But even if he is, he wouldn't be placed in that unit if he immediately appeals the insanity ruling, said prison spokeswoman Ellen Bjercke. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Research in Motion

Carriers get look at new BlackBerry

Some wireless carriers finally got a glimpse of the new BlackBerry smartphones this week, as part of Research In Motion's global effort to drum up enthusiasm for the devices. RIM executives met with carriers in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. to unveil early versions of the new BlackBerrys.
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Windows 8 coming

Microsoft unveils revamped logo

Microsoft's corporate logo has a new look, setting the stage for a wave of products designed to cast the world's largest software maker in a new light. The makeover unveiled Thursday marks the first time that Microsoft has revamped its logo since February 1987.
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Microsoft's new logo
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No sales boost

British retailers Olympic losers

A new survey suggests that British retailers were among the losers during the Olympics. The Confederation of British Industry's survey showed that 31 per cent of retailers reported worse sales compared to last year. That was a shock to analysts, who had expected business to go up during the Games.
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Facebook launches new mobile app

New version. No integration of Instagram yet, but latest update for smartphones and tablets focuses on being speedier

A screenshot from Facebook shows its new mobile app, which launched Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Thursday, Facebook addressed users who had gripes with its app for iPhones and iPads with the launch of a faster version. Rather than add a slew of new features, the company said it rebuilt the application from scratch to make it speedier and less clunky.

In a recent demonstration at company headquarters, the new iPhone app opened about twice as fast as the older version. Photos and comments also load faster. Users can now "like" comments on photos, which wasn't possible with the previous mobile app.

Mick Johnson, mobile product manager at Facebook, said programmers removed some lesser-used features, such as a way to view the app horizontally, to help speed it up.

The mobile arena presents Facebook with its biggest challenge — and its biggest opportunity. That's where its user base is growing the most.

The iPad version of the new app now features Timeline, the latest version of the profile page that Facebook is rolling out to all of its users.

The app is available for free from Apple's App Store.
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All points North for Google Street View

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, talk with Google Street View team member Mike Pegg in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, on Thursday. As Harper's northern tour touched down in Nunavut, a team from the search-engine giant was already on the ground. They're working with residents of Cambridge Bay to add elements of their community to Google maps while also fixing past mistakes. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Credit. Canadians' debt load rising: TransUnion

The latest report of Canadian debt trends by TransUnion found the average consumer's non-mortgage debt load rose to $26,221 in the second quarter.

That's up 0.74 per cent from the first quarter of 2012 and up 2.41 per cent from a year earlier.

The credit reporting firm said that's the highest average debt per person it has seen since it began tracking the variable in 2004.
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Housing. Parents helping kids buy homes: Economist

A downturn in the housing market may not be as bad as feared because the important 25-to-34 age group will continue to buy houses — some with help from their well-off parents, says a senior economist at CIBC World Markets.

While young people may have to postpone buying a house for a few years due to their student-debt level, their parents can help them out, Benjamin Tal, deputy chief economist at CIBC World Markets, said on Thursday.

"This is actually the first generation that the parents are better off than the kids and those parents will write a nice cheque," Tal said. "The student-debt level is not significant enough to really kill the housing market."

Young people also have the option of living with their parents while paying down their debt and saving for a down payment, he said.
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It's time for the Metro List, our weekly guide to what's making waves around the water cooler.

1 **Dirty Harry.** Harry keeps the flame burning with a new sport that, for some reason, wasn't included in the London Games: Strip billiards. There's the good Prince William and then there's the bad Prince Harry. Hands up, who do you prefer?

2 **Dirty bedside read.** In other naughty U.K. news, a hotel in the Lake District replaced the Good Book with the Very Bad Book — 50 Shades of Grey — in its bedside tables. The hotel manager was denounced from local pulpits, but refused to back down. "The Gideon Bible is full of references to sex and violence, although it's written using more formal language, so James' book is easier to read," he said. That's E.L. James, not King James.

3 **Chavril? AvChad?** Chad Kroeger of Nickelback is engaged to Avril Lavigne of Sk8er Boi. Stands with the other great romances of the recent era: Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley; Nicholas Cage and Lisa Marie Presley. We can only assume Chad has yet to meet Lisa Marie Presley.

4 **Pussy Riot.** OK, this is a family newspaper. Of course these brazen young women should get two years hard time for singing a song in church while wearing funny outfits. Their very name is an assault on the ears of innocents like Vladimir Putin.

5 **Speaking of assault.** Some advice to Missouri Senate candidate Todd Akin: Dr. Oz is the only guy on Earth who gets to talk about the female reproductive system on TV, and that's only because he's been blessed by Oprah. And never, ever use the words "legitimate" and "rape" in the same time zone, never mind next to each other in the same sentence.

6 **National park.** Let's change the subject. We have a new national park, our 44th. Up north somewhere, it's called Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve, causing the editors at Canadian Press Caps and Spelling to apply for stress leave. Environmentalists are complaining that it's too small, only 4,840 square kilometres, which is about three times the size of Yoho but two-thirds the size of Banff. Just go to Yellowknife, then turn left, go another 680 kilometres and you're there. Lots of grizzly bears, but no golf course. Yet.

7 **Speaking of up north somewhere.** The Google Street View tricycle is tooling around Cambridge Bay, population 1,477, way up there in Nunavut, a mere 1,770 kilometres from the North Pole as the Snowy Owl flies. Google is now officially everywhere.

8 **The cult of Jack Layton.** It's been a year since the untimely death of the former NDP leader, but his legend grows, as vigils across the land mourn his loss and celebrate the memory of the man who failed to get elected prime minister four times in a row. Eat your heart out, Stephen Harper.

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Prince Harry is seen — clothed — in this photo taken at the 2012 Summer Olympics, prior to his debauchery in Las Vegas.
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Come on, baby, light my kitchen

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Light topography

Cooking up a lightstorm

This stunning image captures a kitchen like no other, illuminated using a novel technique known as light topography.

To achieve the science-fiction effect, Finnish artist Janne Parvianen traces surfaces with LED lights and exposes the shots for 30 minutes. There is no Photoshop or image editing.

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Meet the artist

"Art is the key to your emotions."

Janne Parvianen, artist and teacher

Despite the futuristic visuals, this old-fashioned message is how Parvianen describes his philosophy.

Q&A with Parvianen

- **What is most difficult about this technique?** It is quite challenging to draw into three dimensional space, so it takes a lot of planning and training. It is usually through trial and error that I find the right positions and the figures for the final photo.
- **What emotions do the images inspire?** I'm trying to put as much soul in my photos as possible. My main interest has always been human emotions and trying to express them through art. I really like to use strong visual elements in my photos such as skeletons and people laying on the ground to create images that make you wonder what is really happening in them. A skeleton can be happy or sad, it doesn't always have to be seen as a grim image.

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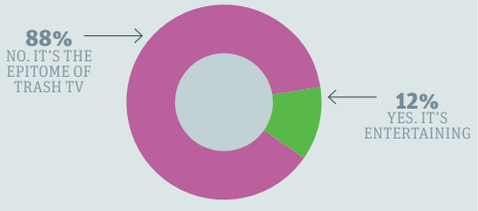

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@jammingirl: What the! ?!....Joe heading into politics!?! #DOA

@HCJeffery: So is this legit? NHL is locked out this season? If it is I think all hockey fans should support the Whitecaps and then CURLING!!!

@Vancouverstar69: Is it raining or sunning today? Typical #vancouver weather at least there is no sign of snow and hail...oh winter how you shall amaze me.

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@shadeesadie: Umbrella in the morning, sunglasses in the afternoon got to love #Vancouver weather..

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Joseph Gordon-Levitt is the most extreme bike courier in Manhattan in Premium Rush. HANDOUT

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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Rush is the only thing premium in this film

Fun ride. Joseph Gordon-Levitt-led thriller is full of style and action, but lacks any kind of substance

Richard: Mark, Premium Rush is like a BMX race with a plotline. Bikes dart in and out of traffic, defy the laws of gravity and spin on one wheel, which is all cool, except that it overshadows the characters. Only Michael Shannon as the out-of-control cop is memorable enough to rise above the bike stunts and skinned elbows.

Mark: In the interests of full disclosure Richard, I cannot ride a bike. In fact, they scare me. So I was unusually riveted by the action sequences in this film. Which definitely eclipsed the characters! I don't know how I felt about Michael Shannon. He had a presence for sure, but he was also kind of cartoonish which stopped me from taking the movie seriously as a thriller.

RC: I don't think it is meant to be taken seriously as a thriller. Any cop who would say, "I forgot to bring my bullets. I'll meet you there," to his cop buddies isn't trying to be Detective Sergeant Joe Friday. He's a wild, bug-eyed caricature of a man on the edge and the second most entertaining thing in the flick (next to the bikes). What did you think of Gordon-Levitt?

MB: Not an actors' movie but he can clearly carry off a leading man role. What I really liked about the movie was its style. The maps, time code, miniatures of Manhattan, and the fractured time narrative all kept me engaged with the limited storyline. Gordon-Levitt's character is called Wiley, as in Wile. E. Coyote, and the movie does have a Roadrunner simplicity. I thought all the gimmicks and stylistic quirks opened it up nicely.

RC: In the beginning I feared that the GPS maps that pop up from time to time might be too much style over substance, and in a way I was right. There isn't much substance here, but it is a fun ride.

MB: What I really didn't buy was the pointless love triangle among the bike couriers, which was a waste of celluloid. But when you say "fun ride" Richard I think you've nailed the picture.

Synopsis

Of all the bicycle courier misfits who patrol the streets of Manhattan, Wylie (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is the most extreme. Stripped of gears and brakes, his bike is a missile charging through the streets of New York, delivering "that thing to that place, fast." A routine pick-up and drop-off turns dangerous when a crooked cop (Michael Shannon) decides he needs what Wylie is carrying more than its intended recipient.

- Richard: ●●○○○
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Action/Comedy

Hit & Run

Director. David Palmer, Dax Shepard

Stars. Dax Shepard, Kristen Bell, Bradley Cooper

Dax Shepard stars as an ex-getaway driver who leaves behind the safety of witness protection to accompany his girlfriend (Kristen Bell) on a job interview to Los Angeles. Unfortunately as he hits the road so does his former partner in crime (Bradley Cooper). Shepard and Bell are a couple in real-life and the chemistry between them shows. When it's just the two of them on screen Hit and Run has the makings of a fun romantic action adventure. Unfortunately the movie is also populated by peripheral characters with the combined charm of a slap (stick) to the face.

RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy

Robot & Frank

Director. Jake Schreier

Stars. Frank Langella, Susan Sarandon

Robot & Frank is a tricky little charmer. Not only does it combine a heist movie with sci-fi conventions but, at its heart, it's also a buddy picture between an elderly thief and his android. When ageing Frank is burdened with a mechanical caretaker, the ex-criminal soon warms to the robot as his safecracker on heists. While the film has a few inconsistencies, a delightful performance from Langella gives the drama poignancy.

STEVE GOW

Comedy/Drama

And if We all Lived Together?

Director. Stéphane Robelin

Stars. Guy Bedos, Pierre Richard, Geraldine Chaplin, Jane Fonda, Claude Rich, Daniel Brühl

Five elderly, long-time friends move in together to avoid being institutionalized; they're losing their faculties little by little and it's their final rebellion against convention and boredom and their controlling adult children. It's also a major awakening as secrets are unearthed, battles erupt and putting in a swimming pool seems like pure genius. Adventure has come calling as they decline, but what a way to go. This funny and poignant film leaves no oversweet aftertaste.

ANNE BRODIE

Horror

The Awakening

Director. Nick Murphy

Stars. Rebecca Hall, Dominic West, Imelda Staunton

Bearing a similarity in set-up to Rodrigo Cortes' recent film Red Lights, The Awakening is a much more satisfying and eerie exercise in fright. The setting is post First World War England, and a young celebrity paranormal researcher (Rebecca Hall), who spends her time debunking charlatan hauntings, is summoned to a private school to put their ghost stories to rest. Problem is, there may be more truth than fiction to the goings on. When it comes to slow, understated and elegant psychological spook shows, the Brits have been masters, and The Awakening is no exception.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

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"I guess as unique as he is, he's still someone who is so prolific and does so much — so obviously he's very aware of what he's doing. So it may come off as spontaneous and fun and silly or something. He's one of the great comedians working today, so he's aware of what's funny and what he does that's funny. Nothing's really accidental. You can't really sustain accidents for a long time."

Jesse Eisenberg on working with his Why Stop Now co-star Tracy Morgan.

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Sixties soundtrack goes down well with prohibition trader tale

Lawless. Musician and screenwriter Nick Cave uses the 'boxy' sounds of The Velvet Underground to set the tone in latest film

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Metro World News in Hollywood

While his main vocation is still music, Nick Cave admits he's more than happy to write a screenplay whenever director John Hillcoat asks him to. The latest request from Hillcoat? Adapting Matt Bondurant's book the Wettest County in the World, about Bondurant's grandfather and great-uncles running a thriving moonshining operation during Prohibition. Cave also got to take a crack at the music for the film — as he's often done for Hillcoat, most recently for 2009's the Road. For Lawless, he found some unusual inspiration in the Velvet Underground.

How did you feel about changing the title from the Wettest County in the World to Lawless?

Matt's title — this is what I'm told — didn't translate into other countries. Look, I didn't have anything to do with that. It was a decision that was made closer to when it came out. There's been various reasons why. Foreign territories couldn't translate it effectively, so the film would then have a bunch of different names, and that was not good for the film. I've heard that it sounded like a porn film, the Wettest County. But at the end of the day, I think probably the Wettest County in the World was just too lyrical to drag in the youth market. I would say it was simply a marketing thing.

Where did the idea come from to include period versions of more modern songs, like with the Velvet Underground?

I'm not really sure. Initially we were looking at songs of the time, obviously. But I just personally felt that had been done a lot and had been done really well, like O Brother Where Are Thou. I didn't want to be chasing that kind of thing. So the time started to shift a little bit — maybe we take some from a little later. And then, f— it, let's take something from way over there and see what that's like, and then kind of replay it in a sort of attempt to capture that kind of spirit of that time. But you know, something like White Light, White Heat already sounds very much fitted to the time anyway on some level — there's a sort of boxiness to the way it's recorded. I think that was the first one, and once we had that we went, "OK, that's what we're doing."

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OMNIMAX Theatre Science World 1455 Quebec St.

Arabia (STC) Fri-Thu 3
Hubble (STC) Fri-Thu 1
Rocky Mountain Express (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4

Denman Cinemas 1779 Comox

The Hunger Games (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Sat-Thu 12:15
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10
Snow White and the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Thu 4:20
Step Up Revolution (PG) Fri-Tue 7 Thu 7 Dunbar Theatre
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991
The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 3:45-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45

Fifth Avenue Cinemas 2110 Burrard Street

And if We All Lived Together? (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:25
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-6:45-10 ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri-Wed 1-3-5-7:25-9:30 Thu 1-3-5-9:30
The Queen of Versailles (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:15
To Rome With Love (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:55-9:20

Granville 855 Granville St.

Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 4-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:20
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri 6:40-9:15 Sat 4:05-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:10
Celeste and Jesse Forever (14A) Sun 4:20-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:30
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri 6:35-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:25-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:35
Magic Mike (14A) Fri 7-9:35 Sun 4:15-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:25
Prometheus (14A) Sat-Sun 4:10-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:15
Sparkle (PG) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 3:55-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:05

Pacific Cinémathèque 1131 Howe Street

The Birds (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat 8:50 Sun 6:30
The Black Cat (STC) Wed 8 Thu 9:30
Cobra Woman (STC) Wed 9:30
The Incredible Shrinking Man (STC) Thu 6:30 The Inglorious Bastards (STC) Mon 7
Jaws (STC) Fri 8:45 Sat 6:30 Sun 8:45
Never Give a Sucker an Even Break (STC) Wed 6:30 Thu 8:05
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue

Park Theatre 3440 Cambie Street

Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (G) A.M. Sat 10:30
Hope Springs (PG) Fri 4:15-7-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:15-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:10

Ridge Theatre 3131 Arbutus Street

The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri 4-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7-9:40 Mon-Wed 4-7-9:40 Thu 4

Rio on Broadway 1660 E. Broadway

Dumb & Dumber (STC) Fri 11
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sat Wed-Thu
To Rome With Love (PG) Sun-Tue 7-9:30
Vancouver Queer Film Festival (STC) Fri

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver 900 Burrard St.,

The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-1:10-3:45-4:15-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:25 Mon 1-1:30-3:55-4:25-7:25-9:50-10:30 Tue 12:40-1:10-3:45-4:15-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:25 Wed-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:25-10:30
The Campaign (14A) Fri-Sat 1-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:15 Sun 12:50-2:35-5:30-7:50-10:15 Mon 1:10-3:20-5:30-7:45-10 Tue 1-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:15 Wed-Thu 1:10-3:20-5:30-7:45-10
Carmen in 3D Encore (STC) Wed 6
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-3-4:45-6:45-8:30-10:20 Sun 3-4:45-6:45-8:30-10:20 Mon 1:15-3-4:45-6:45-8:20-10:20 Tue 1:10-3-4:45-6:45-8:30-10:20 Wed 2-3-6:45-9:50-10:20 Thu 1:15-3-4:45-6:45-8:20-10:20
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:35-7:30-10:05 Mon 1:40-4:20-7-9:40 Tue 2-4:35-7:30-10:05 Wed 1:40-4:20-9:40 Thu 1:40-4:20-7-9:40 Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:45 Mon 2:10-4:50-7:40-10:15 Tue 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:45 Wed-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:40-10:15
Hit & Run (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:10-5:35-8:05-10:30 Mon 1-3:20-5:40-8:05-10:30 Tue 12:45-3:10-5:35-8:05-10:30 Wed-Thu 1-3:20-5:40-8:05-10:30
Lawless (14A) Wed-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10
Premium Rush (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Mon 1:20-3:30-5:45-8-10:20 Tue 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Wed-Thu 1:20-3:30-5:45-8-10:20
Singin' in the Rain (G) Sun 1

Vancity Theatre Vancouver International Film Centre 1181 Seymour Street

Better This World (STC) Sun 6:45 Wed 8:30
The Billionaires' Tea Party (STC) Sun 5 Tue
Hoop Dreams (STC) Sat 7
How to Start a Revolution (STC) Tue 8 Wed 6:45
Kivalina vs. Exxon (G) Fri 8:35 Sun 3 Mon 8:35 Thu 6:45
Personal & Political Short Films by Fred Marx (STC) Sun 1
You've Been Trumped (STC) Fri 6:45 Sat 5 Sun 8:45 Mon 6:45 Thu 1-8:45

Vancouver Aquarium 4D Experience Theatre 845 Avison Way

Pole To Pole 4-D Experience (STC) Fri-Thu 10:15-10:45-11:15-11:45-12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-2:15-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:15-4:45-5:15-5:45-6:15

North Shore Esplanade 6 200 West Esplanade

The Campaign (14A) Fri 3:30-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:30-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:30-7:20-9:45
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri 4:40-8:30 Sat-Sun 1-4:40-8:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-8:30
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri 4-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:40
Hope Springs (PG) Fri 3:45-7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:45-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10-9:35
Lawless (14A) Wed-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:25
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (G) Fri 3:55-6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:55-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:20
Sparkle (PG) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:50-6:40-9:25 Mon-Tue 3:50-6:40-9:25

Park & Tilford 333 Brooksbank Ave.

The Apparition (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:20-7:15-9:50 The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:25-10:15
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri-Thu 2:20-7-9:30
Hit & Run (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:30-10
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri-Thu 4:40
ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40
ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 4-6:50-9:20
Premium Rush (14A) Fri-Wed 1:50-4:10-7:10-9:40 Thu 4:10-7:10-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Richmond

SilverCity Riverport 14211 Entertainment Way

The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Fri-Tue 1:25
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 4:30-7:30-10:40
The Apparition (14A) Fri 1:55-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:35 Sat 11:40-1:55-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:35 Sun-Thu 1:55-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:35
The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:40
Brave (G) Fri-Tue 12:35-3-5:30-8
The Campaign (14A) Fri 1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:35 Sat 11:15-1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:35 Sun-Thu 1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:35
Carmen in 3D Encore (STC) Wed 6
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Tue 2:20-5:55-9:30 Wed 2:05-9:45 Thu 2:20-5:55-9:30
The Dark Knight Rises: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:05
Ek Tha Tiger (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:25-10:25
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:45 Sat 11:30-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:45 Sun-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:45 Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:45
Hit & Run (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:45
Hope Springs (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:35-7:30-10
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri-Thu 12:30
Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2:55-5:15-7:35-10
Lawless (14A) Wed-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15
Night at the Museum (PG) Sat 11
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (G) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50 Sat 11:25-2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50 Sun-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50
The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure (G) Wed-Thu 12:45-2:50-4:55-7
ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45
ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 3:05-5:25-7:45-10:05
Premium Rush (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40
Singin' in the Rain (G) Sun 1
Sparkle (PG) Fri-Wed 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Thu 4:50-7:40-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Ted (14A) Fri-Tue 10:25 Wed-Thu 9:30 Total Recall (PG) Fri 2:25-5:15-8-10:45 Sat 11:40-2:25-5:15-8-10:45 Sun 4-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:25-5:15-8-10:45

Burnaby

Dolphin Cinemas 4555 E. Hastings St.

The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:15-9
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:30
Ted (14A) Fri-Thu 4:30-6:45
Total Recall (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15

SilverCity Metropolis 4700 Kingsway Ave.

The Apparition (14A) Fri-Sun 1:55-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:30
The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:05-4-7:05-10:05
The Campaign (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:20-5:35-7:55-10:15
Crooked Arrows (G) Sat 11
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri 2:45-6:45-10:20 Sat 11:05-2:45-6:45-10:20 Sun 2:45-6:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:25-6:05-9:45
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Sun 2:35-5-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:40-7:10-9:50
Fri-Sun 12:45-3:15-5:40-8:10-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:15-7:50-10:25
Hit & Run (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:25-5:50-8:15-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:30-10
Hope Springs (PG) Fri 2-4:45-7:25-10 Sat 11:20-2-4:45-7:25-10 Sun 2-4:45-7:25-10 Mon-Tue 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:40 Wed 1:50-4:30-9:40 Thu 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:40
Night at the Museum (PG) Sat 11
ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55 Mon-Thu 1
ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 3:10-5:25-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:10-5:25-7:45-10:10
Premium Rush (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-3:30-5:45-8:05-10:25 Mon-Tue 1:15-3:25-5:40-8-10:20 Wed 1:15-3:50-7:15-10:20 Thu 1:15-3:25-5:40-8-10:20

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The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri 4:30-8 Sat-Sun 1-4:30-8 Mon-Thu 4:30-8
The Healing (14A) Fri 4:25-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:25-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:25-7-9:40
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri 4:15-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:15-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:40-9:20
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (G) Fri 4:05-7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:05-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-9:45
Ted (14A) Fri 4:20-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:30
Total Recall (PG) Fri 4-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-9:55

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SilverCity Coquitlam 170 Schoolhouse Street

The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10
The Apparition (14A) Fri 1:55-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:35 Sat 11:50-1:55-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:35 Sun-Mon 1:55-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:35 Tue 1:55-4:05-6:15-8:20-10:30 Wed-Thu 1:55-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:35
The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:40-10:35 Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10-10:30 Mon 4-7:10-10:30 Tue 1-4-7:10-10:30 Wed-Thu 4-7:10-10:30
The Campaign (14A) Fri 1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:35 Sat 11:30-1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:35 Sun-Thu 1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:35 Fri-Sun 2-4:15-6:45-9:30 Mon 4:15-6:45-9:30 Tue 2-4:15-6:45-9:30 Wed-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:30
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri 3-6:45-10:20 Sat 11:25-3-6:45-10:20 Sun-Thu 3-6:45-10:20 Fri-Sun 2:15-6:15-9:55 Mon 5:25-9:15 Tue 2:15-6:15-9:55 Wed-Thu 5:25-9:15
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri-Tue 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:40-10
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-5-7:30-10:10 Fri-Sun 1:20-4:45-7:50-10:45 Mon 4:45-7:50-10:45 Tue 1:20-4:45-7:50-10:45 Wed-Thu 4:45-7:50-10:45 Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30
Hit & Run (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:15 Mon 4:30-7:30-10:15 Tue 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:15 Wed-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:15
Hope Springs (PG) Fri 2-4:45-7:20-9:55 Sat 11:40-2-4:45-7:20-9:55 Sun-Thu 2-4:45-7:20-9:55
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri-Sat 12:35 Mon-Thu 12:35
Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D (G) Fri-Sat 2:50-5:15-7:35 Sun 5:15-7:35 Mon 2:50-5:15-7:35 Tue 2:55-5:15-7:35 Wed-Thu 2:50-5:15-7:35
Lawless (14A) Wed-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15
Night at the Museum (PG) Sat 11
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (G) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50 Sat 11:35-2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50 Sun-Tue 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50
The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure (G) Wed-Thu 12:45-2:50-4:55-7
ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:05
ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 5:25-7:45-10:05
Premium Rush (14A) Fri 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:45 Sat 11:10-1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:45 Sun-Thu 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:45
R2B: Return to Base (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7-9:30
Singin' in the Rain (G) Sun 1
Sparkle (PG) Fri-Tue 2-7:30 Wed 7:30-9:30 Thu 2-7:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 9:30
Total Recall (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45-10:15

Surrey/White Rock/Langley

Clova 5732-176th St., Surrey

Moonrise Kingdom (PG) Fri-Thu 7
Total Recall (PG) Fri-Thu 8:50

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The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:45
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:30-4:30-6:30
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Thu 4:30-6:30
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:25
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30
Ted (14A) Fri-Thu 8:30
Total Recall (PG) Fri-Thu 8:30

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The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45 Wed 4:35-7:40-10:45 Thu 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Campaign (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:35
Carry on Jatta (G) Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:20-10:30
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-5:45-9:20
Ek Tha Tiger (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:05-10:05
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:40-7:10-8:10-9:45-10:45
Hit & Run (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40
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One is the loneliest number and three's a crowd. But a dynamic duo is a match made in heaven, especially when it's found on a TV show. From the crop of new fall series, here are a few fun couples you'll enjoy pairing up with.

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5 TV couples

1

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Catherine "Cat" Chandler and Dr. Vincent Keller (Beauty and the Beast)

Unbeknownst to her, he saved her life years ago. Now Keller, in hiding and long presumed dead, tries to find an antidote to his distressing condition: When he gets riled, he turns beastly. But Cat (Kristin Kreuk), now a homicide detective, isn't sweating those details. She admires how Keller (Jay Ryan) likes to help people out. Plus he's hot. Nothing tame about her feelings for him!

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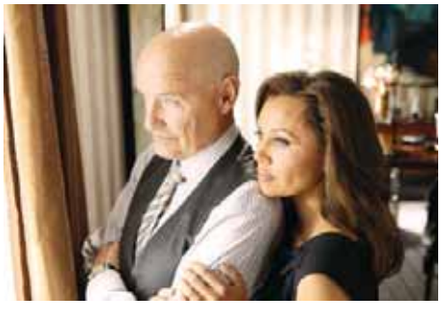


Gavin and Olivia (666 Park Avenue)

Gavin Doran is the courtly owner of a grand apartment house in Manhattan. Olivia is his elegant wife. You would be thrilled to be a tenant in their building — that is, if you can overlook a certain devilish streak they share. Played with deft creepiness by Terry O'Quinn and Vanessa Williams, Gavin and Olivia are just the sort of landlords to lock you into a lease you'll never ever be able to break.

3

Jack and his dad Tony (Family Tools)

Jack Shea is a habitual bungler who, well into adulthood, still hopes to rise above his failures and make his father proud. Now Tony (played by J.K. Simmons) is retiring from his family business, Mr. Jiffy Fix, with no one but his son (Kyle Bornheimer) to take up the reins. Under Tony's jaundiced eye, can Jack change his ways and keep the company going, or will he put Mr. Jiffy Fix in a hopeless fix?

4

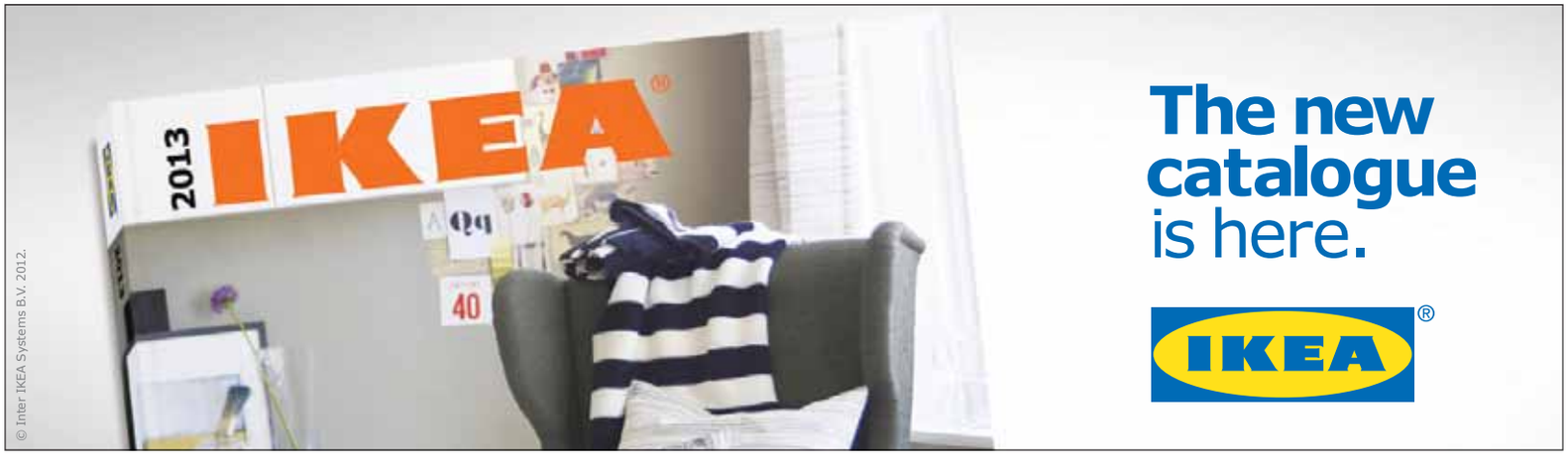
Bryan and David (The New Normal)

As a committed couple, they see eye-to-eye on many things. Like, how "abnormal" families have become the new normal. Consider a certain African-American "who was raised by a grandma — and that person seems to be doing just fine," says Bryan. "Barack Obama," David chimes in. "No," Bryan corrects him. "Mariah Carey. But YOUR example works, too." As played by Andrew Rannells and Justin Bartha, Bryan and David navigate the show's looniness (and their impending parenthood) while leaving no doubt they adore each other.

5

Dr. George Coleman and his simian sidekick Dr. Rizzo (Animal Practice)

Dr. Coleman has a veterinary clinic, and good thing: he much prefers animals to people. How lucky, then, that his closest companion and "medical assistant" is an anthropomorphically motivated monkey. Justin Kirk stars as Dr. Coleman, while Crystal seems born to the role as Coleman's second banana.



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Sportage SX shown

HWY (A/T): 8.2L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 9.4L/100KM

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Optima SX Turbo shown

HWY (A/T): 5.6L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 8.6L/100KM

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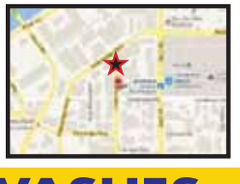

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BBC America 'really confident' in new drama series Copper

Television. Featuring Canadian actor Kyle Schmid, the period piece takes viewers to famed Five Points neighbourhood of New York

IAN GORMELY
For Metro

Something they don't tell Canadian actors who move down South is that despite living in Los Angeles, you'll be spending a lot of time North of the border.

Originally from Mississauga, Ont., Kyle Schmid has lived in the Golden State for the last eight years, but his work has landed him significant stints in Vancouver, Montreal — where he worked on the North American version of Being Human — and now Toronto, home base of production for Copper, which premiers this Sunday on Showcase.

"It's the show I'm most proud of," he says. "I can share it with my family and friends and have them come on set and share the same energy I feel."

Created by Oz and St. Elsewhere writer Tom Fontana and executive produced by Diner director Barry Levinson, the series is the first foray into scripted drama for BBC America, where it airs in the States. There is no precedent at the network, Schmid says.

"But BBC is really confident with the show. You do get that feeling on set."

Set in the famed Five Points region of New York in the aftermath of the civil war, the program follows Irish police officer Kevin Corcoran whose wife and child have disappeared.

"I love period pieces because of the history and the wardrobe and the characters and the change in the moral and ethic values," he says. "It's rare (in TV) that you get to do something gritty and grimy."

Kyle Schmid as Robert Morehouse in Copper, premiering this Sunday at 9 p.m. ET on Showcase. HANDOUT

Schmid originally auditioned to play Corcoran, but the part eventually went to Tom Weston-Jones. He was brought back to read for the part of Corcoran's friend, Robert Morehouse, the son of a wealthy industrialist.

After several readings he found himself rehearsing with other actors.

"I'm in the room and I think I'm testing for this part. The BBC producers are in there," Schmid recalls. He asked if there was anything they needed him to do.

"They said, 'No, no, no. You got the part. Nobody told you?'"

Schmid describes Morehouse as a character in flux.

"It was an era of opportunity," he says, "And Morehouse has money, power, women booze and drugs to exploit. With that comes a very layered character."

It's a dream role for Schmid, who loves playing complex parts, but has yet to hit a point in his career where he has the luxury of picking and choosing parts.

"The layers in the personality, the cracks in their walls — human qualities that make people and situations interesting are always the best characters to play."

Quote

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Actor Kyle Schmid

TV pix

America's Next Top Model's Tyra Banks. GETTY IMAGES

New faces on Top Model

America's Next Top Model gets a facelift with Friday's season 19 (yes, 19!) debut. The first big change is seen in the new personalities: former boxer and male supermodel Rob Evans, fashion blogger Bryanboy, famed stylist Johnny Wujek, and dancer and choreographer Jonte.

They replace former longtime series stars Nigel Barker, J. Alexander and Toronto-raised Jay Manuel. This season also features the show's first-ever College Edition. (CW).

Investigative journalism at its finest

Going from the inane to the intellectual, we find new episodes of investigative journalism series 20/20 (ABC, CHCH) and Dateline NBC (NBC, CTV Two) airing Friday. There's also an encore airing of the CBC Marketplace episode Superbug in the Supermarket, in which journalists test 100 samples of chicken from across Canada for harmful germs.

Learn about the World's greatest Rock 'n' Roll band

The Rolling Stones may have turned down the opportunity to perform at the recent Olympics closing ceremony, as the Guardian newspaper recently reported, but you can catch them Saturday on a biography about the group. The Rolling Stones: Truth and Lies also features interviews with critics and fans. (AUX TV).

Films of all genres on deck

The popcorn maker will be in overdrive Saturday with several choice film offerings.

Among them is Super Size Me, in which maverick filmmaker Morgan Spurlock eats only McDonald's food for 30 days (CBC NN).

For action, click to the Steven Spielberg/Tom Cruise double bill of War of the Worlds and Minority Report (Action).

In the comedy vein, there's Princess Bride (BITE TV). And for drama, head to The Girl Who Played With Fire (Bravo) or the Canadian Joshua Jackson road trip One Week (CBC).

Poking fun at The Donald

The Roast of Donald Trump is an encore airing on Sunday, but one worth watching again. Celebrities roasters include Larry King, Marlee Matlin, rapper Snoop Dogg, and Jersey Shore's Mike (The Situation) Sorrentino (Comedy).

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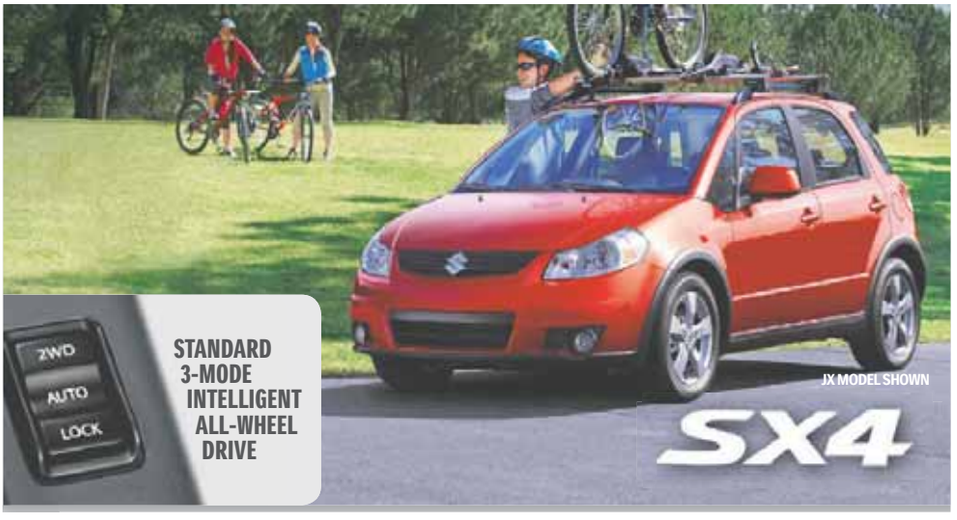

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Riding Night Train to success

Country music. Jason Aldean explains the reason he chose the title for his next major album release

When Jason Aldean names an album, he looks for a title that fits his life at the moment.

He thinks Night Train, his choice for his much anticipated fifth album, paints the perfect picture.

"It's one of those things where we went from one bus pulling a trailer to all the sudden we've got six or seven buses and eight or nine trucks," Aldean said. "We're all rolling down the interstate together at night, and that's what it looks like. It looks like a big freight train rolling down the interstate. It just kind of to me sums up how far things have come over the last few years."

Aldean spoke about the new album, out Oct. 16 on Broken Bow Records, just days after playing his first stadium show, the next step on his way to country superstar status. He's sold 1.9 million concert tickets this year and his last album, the multi-platinum My Kinda Party, produced five hit singles, won the Country Music Association's Album of the Year award and has remained in Billboard's country top 10 for 92 weeks.

Night Train appears set to follow right down the tracks. Take a Little Ride, the first single from the album, set a record for first-week digital downloads by a male country solo artist.

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Jason Aldean's next album, Night Train, will be released on Oct. 16

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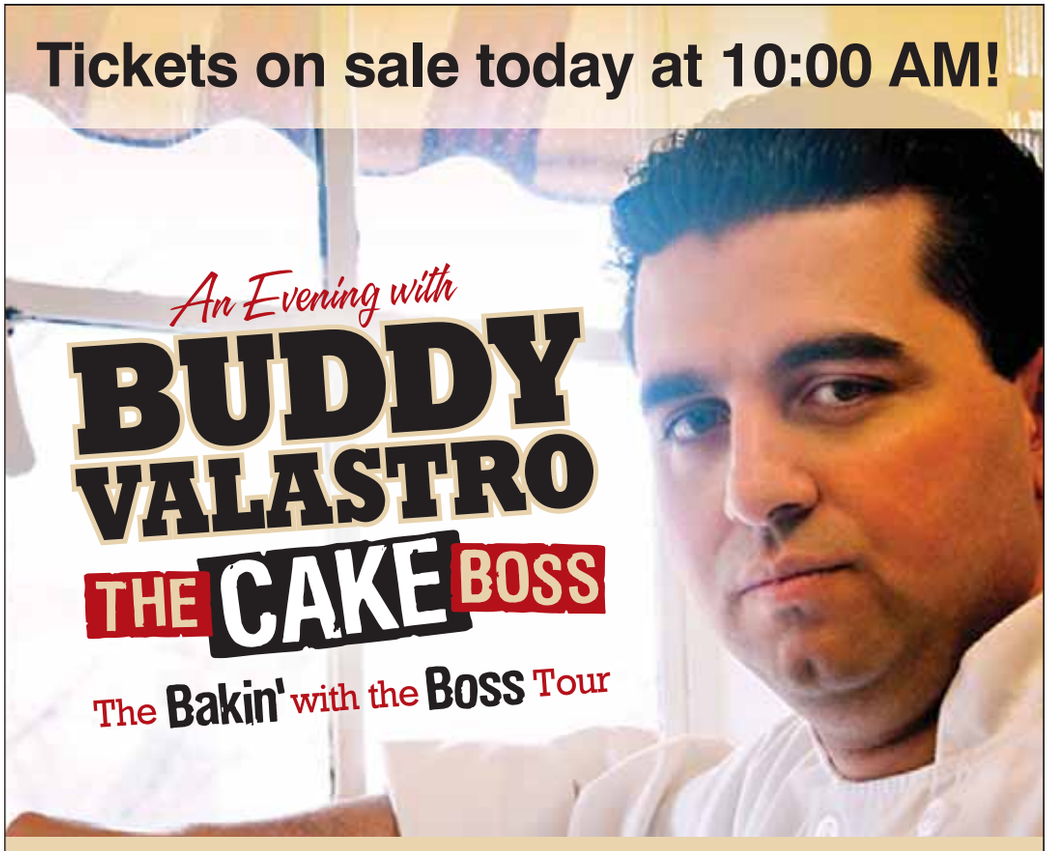

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SOUND CHECK
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Last Friday, the compact disc turned 30 years old. That got me thinking about the two superbly produced songs I used to demonstrate my new CD player to friends back in the day. If you're buying speakers, test them with these discs.

Avalon/Roxy Music

Listen for the smoothness of the keyboards the sharpness of the snare drum rim shots. (From Avalon, 1982)

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Prince Harry

Prince in hot water at home over photo scandal

In the wake of his nude Las Vegas photo scandal, Prince Harry has been summoned home, heading to Balmoral Castle in Scotland to get a talking-to from Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip as well as his dad, Prince Charles, according to Us Weekly.

A source tells the magazine that the royal bachelor — and third in line for the British crown — will "have to face up to family" for the outrageous behaviour. And his personal security will have to answer some questions as well — like how the photos could have been taken, let alone leaked. But Harry's guards needn't be too worried. "Of course questions will be asked, and matters raised, but no one's job is on the line," the source says. "As protection officers, their job is to intervene when his life is at risk, not to protect his image."

Gold medal challenge

The London games may be over, but Prince Harry isn't letting Team USA get away with the swimming gold that easily. The royal challenged Ryan Lochte during the American swimming champion's 28th birthday party Monday at a Las Vegas pool. Las Vegas Sun columnist Robin Leach reports the prince stripped down to his jeans and gestured for others to clear the way for the contest at the XS nightclub pool at the Wynn resort. As predicted, the 11-time Olympic medallist won.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Tax lessons with Beanie Sigel

THE WORD
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On September 12, Beanie Sigel is due to report to prison for a two-year stay for tax evasion.

But although the Philly rapper pleaded guilty to failing to pay around $350,000 on unreported income, he's not going quietly. In fact, Sigel has a perfectly good explanation for not filing between 2003-2005: "The years that they charged me for failure to file taxes is years that I was incarcerated," he tells MTV of his stint for weapons and drug charges. "When you're incarcerated in a federal facility, you're not allowed to conduct any business at all."

That's a little like being late for work because your bartender was moving slow.

But sure — we've been there. The thing is, Sigel doesn't really intend to pay up no matter where he's living. "You shouldn't be able to tax income," he says. "If I fix your roof and you wanna pay me in 20 pounds of bananas, do you think Uncle Sam wants 45 per cent of my bananas? But because you're paying me $400,000 in currency he wants a part of that."

Beanie, whenever you make it out of prison, we fear you and your non-logic have a career in politics.

Angelina Jolie

Like mother like daughter

It looks like Angelina Jolie is OK with her kids getting in on the act, as one of her children — 4-year-old daughter Vivienne — will get some screen time with mom. "Angelina Jolie's daughter Vivienne will play a minor role as the child version of Princess Aurora opposite her mother in Maleficent," a statement from Walt Disney Studios confirms. Elle Fanning will play the older version of the princess, better known as Sleeping Beauty.

Twitter

@MissKellyO
had to leave the pool because the old pervert was there today he told me he likes watching me sunbathe because i remind him of Betty Grable

@BRUCKHEIMERJB
It is extremely hot out here in Santa Fe. Although really hoping for no rain... apparently we're in a flash flood area...

@charliesheen
Thank you Twitter... Thank you Cadre! Got my 7.7M followers back..!! well.... that took a week... WINNING!!

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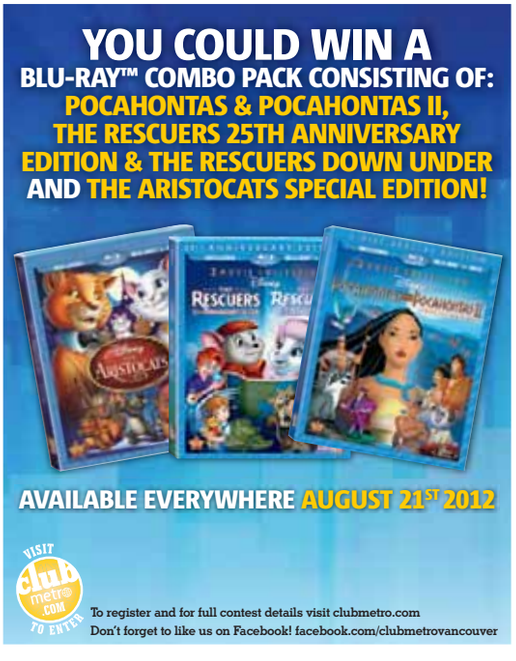
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Emotions run high when failing eateries are revamped in Restaurant: Impossible

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Washing down the dog

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Can I be frank? When it comes to comfort food, I love a good wiener. It doesn't have to be all fancy pants with crazy toppings and snazzy dogs between my buns. I'm cool with a splash of mustard over something prepackaged.

I'm in the minority. Hot dog aficionados are making the common into an explosion of sophisticated flavours by turning dogs into delicacies.

Funky toppings and theme-oriented creations are turning the lowly supermarket sausage into the star of a gourmet revolution worthy of its own show on The Food Network.

Question is: What do you drink with that? With such a wide variety of interpretations reach for something light, clean and refreshing: beer.

A good brew, especially a lager style, is a food affinity equalizer when things get spicy, sharp or crazy eclectic.

After years of being an exclusively USA offering, Rolling Rock Extra Pale Lager (473 ml, $2.35 - $3.29) has finally arrived in Canada. With good weight, a tight flavour profile and a linger bitterness, it's a perfect companion to a dolled-up dog. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Around the world in three hot dogs

Creative Hot Dogs. Transform them with internationally inspired flavours

Draw inspiration from other dishes when planning the toppings for a hot dog. Here are some suggestions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The Greek Dog

It's inspired by feta cheese and spinach that are in spanakopita.

Thaw 1 cup of frozen shredded spinach; squeeze it over sink to remove water. In skillet over medium-high, heat splash of olive oil. Sauté spinach, diced medium onion and 2 minced cloves of garlic. When onion tender, season with salt, pepper and dill seed. Grill 4 hot dogs and toast 4 hot dog buns over medium heat. Spoon spinach mix into each bun, then place a hot dog over it. Top with feta cheese and tzatziki.

The Pizza Dog

The only way to make meat-wrapped meat better is to add melted cheese.

Using 2 slices of prosciutto per hot dog, wrap 4 hot dogs tightly in prosciutto. Grill over low heat, turning until prosciutto is crisp and lightly browned, about 8 minutes. Fill 4 hot dog buns with bocconcini (small balls of fresh mozzarella). Toast the buns on the grill (bun opening facing up) until the cheese is warm and starting to melt. Place a hot dog in each bun, then top with oil-packed chopped sun-dried tomatoes and chopped fresh basil.

The Taco Dog

Soft and crunchy and spicy and creamy — exactly the way a taco should be.

Spoon refried beans into 4 hot dog buns. Lightly crumble about 12 tortilla chips, then sprinkle some over the refried beans in each bun. Grill 4 hot dogs over low heat. Toast the prepared buns (bun openings facing up) until the beans are heated. Place a hot dog in each bun, then top with sliced jalapeno peppers, tomato salsa, sliced black olives and shredded cheddar cheese.

Spotlighting a 'different Mexico'

Television. Chef Chuck Hughes hopes to show a lesser-known side of the country and its cuisine with new series

Montreal star chef Chuck Hughes says he hopes to open Canadian eyes to "a different Mexico" with his new television series.

Chuck's Week Off, debuting Aug. 28 on Food Network Canada, saw him venturing on and off the beaten path for two months in Mexico, trying everything from hiking to diving to lassoing with locals.

Of course, he also helped make authentic Mexican meals along the way, including home-made ranchero cheese, beef jerky, chocolate clams, and head tacos (complete with eyes, brain, tongue and cheek).

Hughes says despite recent headlines surrounding violent attacks on Canadians in Mexico, and a travel warning from Ottawa urging Canucks to exercise "extreme caution" in certain areas, he never felt unsafe during his stay last summer.

"There's probably 5,000 people that give a country of 120 million a bad rap," he said. "I travelled for two months everywhere. I literally went everywhere, not once did I feel threatened, not once did I feel scared. People were more scared of me, if anything. They were like, 'Who is that tall white guy with all the tattoos?'"

Hughes was particularly taken with Mexico City, where he stayed in the French-influenced Condesa district.

"I feel like it's a place where almost, I belong. I felt like I was home," said Hughes, 35. "I love the whole country, it was amazing, but Mexico City in particular was just really eye-opening."

The eight-part series is the first spinoff of Hughes' Gemini-Award-nominated Chuck's Day Off, which is broadcast in 30 countries.

The co-owner and chef of Montreal hot-spots Garde Manger and Le Bremner chose Mexico for the spinoff because he knows how to speak a little bit of Spanish and wanted to explore its terrain and cuisine.

"Everybody knows pico de gallo and tacos — well there's so much more," he said by phone. "Being from Quebec, my whole life I grew up on pork, corn, potatoes, and when I look at Mexico it's the same kind of deal, only they have hot peppers and they use the corn in a different fashion. But basically our staples are the same."

Watching Mexican locals cook with old-school methods — using local, in-season ingredients and minimizing waste — in remote areas with few resources taught Hughes a few techniques. It also made him realize how lucky he is to have everything at his disposal at his kitchens in Canada.

"I think that's probably what I take back the most from my whole experience. Not necessarily any specific recipe but more of a philosophy and a way of treating the ingredients, looking at the ingredients and respecting the food," said Hughes.

"My life revolves around it and I've always respected food a lot, but in terms of professional cooking, we're very, very lucky that we have water whenever we want and it's used in every stage."

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Beyond the ordinary

"Everybody knows pico de gallo and tacos — well, there's so much more."

Chef Chuck Hughes of new series Chuck's Day Off on his experience with Mexican food during the two months he spent in the country filming

In Chuck's Week Off, the chef ventures on and off the beaten path in Mexico to discover the country and its cuisine. HANDOUT

Sanjuana's Pozole (rich corn and pork soup) is one of the dishes that will be spotlighted on Chuck's Week Off. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FOOD NETWORK CANADA

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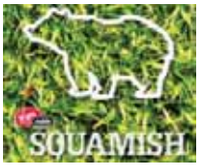
Takes place at UBC this weekend and is one of Vancouver's best annual alternative fashion conventions geared toward the 20-something crowd of creatives. This convention allows attendees the chance to connect with like-minded fans as they take in events, fashion shows, a Cosplay Music Video Contest, Final Fantasy Flight Tournament and more. There are also informative workshops, an Artist's Alley, and dealer's hall to peruse.



LIVE at Squamish

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This weekend marks the return of one of B.C.'s best multi-day outdoor concerts: LIVE at Squamish is back and promises to be better and bigger than ever with a great lineup including acts such as Lights, City & Colour, Chomeo and all-time Canadian favourite The Tragically Hip. The venue doesn't get much better than what is offered at LIVE: stunning coastal scenery, the Pacific Ocean and the monumental Chief help set the stage.

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Join hundreds of other Vancouverites for this annual MEC-sponsored run alongside the beach in Kitsilano-Point Grey. Open to runners of all abilities and age, this fun-spirited race starts at 9 a.m. and features a 5 km and 10 km course. Drinks and snacks are provided and there are prizes to be won. Race fee is $15

CNIS presents An African Market

AUGUST 25 AT 1985 WEST BROADWAY

This weekend, if you're looking to do a bit of good and enjoy experiencing the infectious sights, flavours and sounds of Africa, be sure to stop by the African Market to benefit the Canadian Network for International Surgery (CNIS) for a day of cultural fun for a great cause. On the agenda for this free event: (starting at noon until 6 p.m.) music, dance, fashion, craft, art, food and more. All proceeds will go directly to helping assist CNIS ensure that safe medical care, training and surgery are provided in African communities.

Coming up: Diner en Blanc

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For a lucky few thousand Vancouverites who managed to make the list of this much anticipated 'white party', Diner en Blanc will literally materialize in town for a few hours next week. Renowned as the ultimate summer pop-up picnic party around the world, this is the first time DEB has made a stop on the West Coast. Attendees are expected to take over a notable space in Vancouver, clad all in white attire (down to the table, chairs and linens).

Last chance: Food Cart Festival at The Waldorf Hotel

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If you haven't already had the opportunity, be sure to save your Sunday appetite and pay a visit to this popular food cart festival that celebrates the collective goods offered by our food carts. Have fun sampling your way through the lineup of some of our city's tastiest offerings from an array of popular street-side chefs. The Juice Truck, Pig on the Street, Cartel Taco, Ernest Ice Cream and lots more will be in attendance. Stop by the on-site beer garden for a cold one to wash it all down. Find it at 1489 E. Hastings Street.

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Golf

Tseng feeling at home at the Canadian Open

Yani Tseng and Na Yeon Choi were feeling right at home in Vancouver during Thursday's opening round of the Canadian Women's Open.

Tseng, the world's No. 1, held the first-round lead after she fired a 6-under-par 66 in a successful return to the golf course where she won her first pro tournament in 2007.

Choi was just one shot back, with a five-under 67, after leading for much of the day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Basketball

Triano gets another chance to coach national team

Jay Triano is returning to the helm of the Canadian men's basketball team.

Triano was the team's head coach from 1998 to 2004, leading the team to the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Steve Nash, GM of the Canadian team, says Triano is a "confirmed and respected leader" in the basketball community.

Triano, 53, was the first Canadian-born and Canadian-trained coach in the NBA when he joined the Toronto Raptors in 2002 as an assistant. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

"He's been nothing but great since he's been with us."

Toronto Argonauts **GM Jim Barker** on new offensive tackle Tony Washington. On May 9, 2003, Washington pleaded guilty to prohibitive sexual conduct with his sister, Caylen. At the time, he was 16. She was 15. He remains a registered sex offender in the U.S.

NHL players, from left, Brian Elliott of the St. Louis Blues, Kevin Westgarth of the L.A. Kings and Mike Weaver of the Florida Panthers leave the NHLPLA offices Thursday following talks with the NHL in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Outlook grim for NHL with lockout looming

Negotiations. League and union no nearer to a resolution as Sept. 15 deadline draws near

Another NHL lockout is beginning to feel like an inevitability.

Unable to move beyond the philosophical stage of talks, the owners and players have watched another week slip by without progress. They sat down together for a quick session Thursday morning before reporting the same significant gap that has existed all along.

The main issue that divides them is far from complex.

"We believe we're paying out more than we should be," said commissioner Gary Bettman. "It's as simple as that."

Of course, the NHL Players' Association doesn't quite see it that way.

Executive director Donald Fehr has acknowledged there's room for some flexibility in that area — last week's proposal included three years with a slightly lower share in revenues for the players — but he hasn't come to the table in a conciliatory mood after taking over a union that capitulated during the last round of negotiations.

Not much progress

With both sides so entrenched, real negotiations have yet to begin even though the Sept. 15 deadline for a lockout is fast approaching.

"Everybody understands that employers would always like to pay less," said Fehr. "That's not a surprise to anybody — it's disappointing sometimes — but it's not a surprise."

The parties attempted to make some progress Wednesday by clearing the meeting room of everyone but the key figures: Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly along with Fehr and his brother Steve Fehr, the union's No. 2 man.

They soon discovered there was little common ground.

Those same four men will reopen talks next Tuesday in New York during what promises to be a key negotiation session. THE CANADIAN PRESS

USADA vows to strip Armstrong of Tour titles

Lance Armstrong in July 2010. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The World Anti-Doping Agency president says Lance Armstrong's decision not to contest doping charges against him could be an admission that the allegations "had substance in them."

WADA president John Fahey told The Associated Press on Friday that he was confident the United States Anti-Doping Agency acted properly and "they now have the right to apply a penalty that will be recognized by all WADA code countries around the world."

On Thursday in Armstrong's hometown of Austin, Texas, the seven-time Tour de France winner said he was innocent, but had decided against fighting the USADA because he was weary of the prolonged legal dispute.

Travis Tygart, USADA's chief executive, said it would strip Armstrong of his Tour titles he won from 1999-2005. Tygart said Armstrong would also be hit with a lifetime ban on Friday.

Armstrong has consistently pointed to the hundreds of drug tests that he has passed as proof of his innocence.

"There comes a point in every man's life when he has to say, 'Enough is enough.' For me, that time is now," Armstrong said in a statement sent to The Associated Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"The toll this has taken on my family and my work for our foundation and on me leads me to where I am today — finished with this nonsense." Lance Armstrong in a statement saying he would no longer fight allegations he took performance-enhancing drugs

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Mobile sports

Oakland's Brandon McCarthy says he's confident he's clean whenever the call comes for a random Major League Baseball drug test. But the Athletics' right-hander admits the nerves do sometimes creep in, especially after his teammate, Bartolo Colon, received a 50-game ban earlier this week. Scan the code for the story.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Be honest with yourself about your financial situation. The only way to resolve a problem is to identify exactly what that problem is, so stop pretending everything is fine and get to grips with reality. You'll do OK.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Don't look for the usual explanations today. Look for explanations that seem most outrageous, because those are the ones most likely to be true. You need to learn to think in more creative ways.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The Sun's link to Neptune will confront you with situations, both at home and at work, that demand a more flexible response. Approach the same old problems in the same old ways — and you'll get the same old results.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Don't waste time trying to make sense of what is going on in the world because most likely it will make no sense. The good news is you are one of the lucky few who will benefit from the upheavals.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The more others tell you to follow the herd and do what everyone else is doing, the more you should do the opposite! The herd always ends up in the slaughter-house, so break free and be the one who survives.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have got to be active if you want to succeed. For best results today get out into the world and meet as many new people as you can. Luck is most likely to come when you are on the move.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The rules of the game are for other people. Why? Because you are playing a different game entirely. Do as you please and come and go as you see fit. To put it bluntly: Who is going to stop you?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Do something out of the ordinary today. If others are shocked by your behaviour, that's both a bad sign and a good sign: bad in that it confirms you've become too predictable; good in that you know you must change.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Focus on your work today and believe that you can turn your dreams into realities. Whatever career path you have been following to date you must be more adventurous over the coming few weeks. What have you got to lose?

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Capricorn may be traditional by nature but you know when it is right to disrupt the status quo and that's now. Chaos is not always a bad thing. Out of disruption will come a more positive way of life.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You can afford to take a few risks today. No matter how close you sail to the edge, the planets suggest you won't fall over. Even if, somehow, you do, you'll have a soft landing.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
What you need to realize today is that when you go to one extreme, you encourage those who disagree with you to go to the opposite extreme. Is that what you want? If not, be moderate in what you say and do. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: A Team Member, a Party, a Group, and a Game

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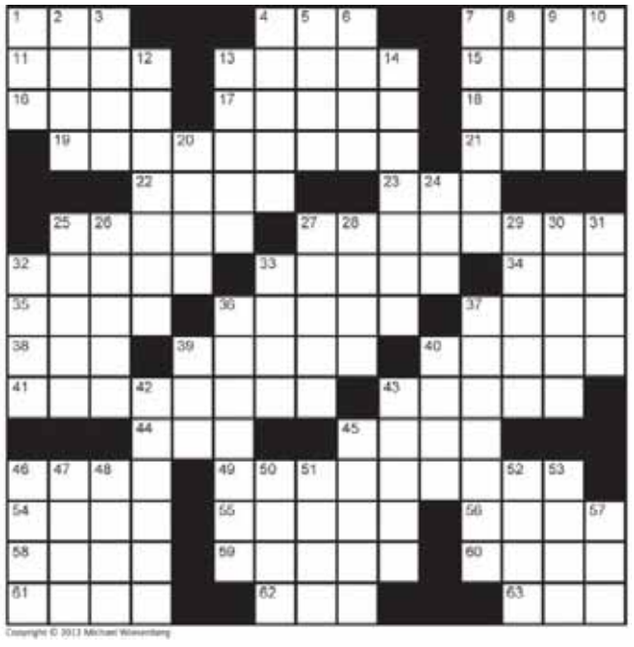

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1. Distribute seeds
4. Scotsman's cap
7. Cash register
11. National Park west of Banff
13. It might come at the end of a fable
15. One of the reeds
16. ___ & Span: household cleanser
17. "... say, not ___": parental words to kids about following orders (3 wds.)
18. Battle with police
19. Member of a Calgary team
21. AOL and Comcast
22. World's longest river
23. 180° from WNW
25. Climb
27. Winnipeg's "American Woman" band (2 wds.)
32. Gazillions
33. Daybreaks, poetically
34. Condo group: initialism
35. ___ grievance: complain openly (2 wds.)
36. Refrigerator maker now part of Maytag
37. Remainder
38. Flying saucer
39. Bank holdings: abbr.
40. Come into port
41. Canada's oldest federally registered party
43. Spelunking sites
44. Was ahead
45. Florence's river
46. Biting insect
49. Sport often associated with Canada (2 wds.)
54. Wyatt ___: Gunfight at the OK Corral survivor now buried in Colma, CA
55. Edgar ___ Poe
56. Ancient love god
58. Garage sale stipulation (2 wds.)
59. Victoria-born singer Furtado
60. Fathers
61. "Of ___ I Sing"
62. Obese
63. Posed

Down
1. ___ admin: computer techie, for short
2. "Uh oh"
3. Insubstantial amount
4. "We're off ___ the Wizard" (2 wds.)
5. Dry
6. Fabricated
7. Harper's group
8. Bird associated with 22-Across
9. Circle around
10. Permits
12. Anthem sung in every province (2 wds.)
13. Symbolic Canadian leaf
14. Manitoba-born singer McKennitt who performs world music with Celtic and Middle Eastern themes
20. 1,000 ___ = 1 inch
24. Rattler's warning
25. Space opera genre (2 wds.)
26. Chocolate substitute
27. Agile mountain animals
28. Banquet coffeepots
29. In what place?
30. Has, as a party
31. Promise
32. David's biblical predecessor
33. CCXV x X [how did the old Romans ever manage arithmetic?]
36. Early French Canadian
37. Took back, as permission
39. Exist
40. BMO: Fr.
42. Go by, as time
43. Political ally
45. Grind to ___: stop suddenly (2 wds.)
46. Great accomplishment
47. Cat-o'-nine-tails
48. Great Lake
50. Music sheet mark
51. Songstress Fitzgerald of jazz
52. Historic periods
53. He said, "Do, or do not. There is no try."
57. Tupolev Tu-144, for one: initialism

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

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			3	2				6
5					9			7
		1	9		8		7	
	6			1			2	
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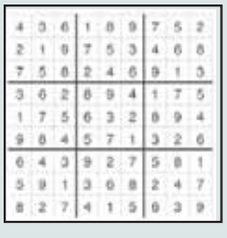
		4				2	3	

Yesterday's Sudoku



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INCLUDES downtown accom. **ADD** Niagara Falls night excursion from $153.

USA

Las Vegas

Air + 3 Nights

from **$239***

incl $172 base + $67 taxes & fees

INCLUDES airfare from Bellingham and accom on the Strip. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $23 per night.

Anaheim Family Special

Air + 3 Nights — from $235◊ incl $161 base + $74 taxes & fees

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Air + 3 Nights 4-Star + Car — from $793 incl $667 base + $126 taxes & fees

INCLUDES accom in Sonoma Wine Country and a 3-day car rental with unlimited mileage. **ADD** evening winery tour from $226.

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Air + 3 Nights + 7-Night Cruise — from $1512 incl $1299 base + taxes & fees $213

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Long Stay, Air + 19 Nights

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Shanghai Air + 6 Nights 4-Star — from $988 incl $520 base + $468 taxes & fees

INCLUDES central accom near the Bund.

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Air + 7 Nights + Car — from $1374 incl $799 base + $575 taxes & fees

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Costa Rica

Air + 8 Nights 4-Star — from $1392 incl $1086 base + $306 taxes & fees

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